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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Attorney Docket Number: 018880.0120
First Named Inventor: J. Donald Hill
Title: Automatic Suture Fixation Apparatus And Method For Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery

TO: **BOX PATENT APPLICATION**
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached are the following for filing with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (original and duplicate)
2. ☒ Specification - Total Pages: 21 (Including Abstract)

CLAIMS AS FILED						
	Claims Filed	Basic Fee Claims	Extra	Rate		Amount
				Large Entity	Small Entity	
Total Claims	34	20	14	\$ 18.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 126.00
Independent Claims	4	3	1	\$ 84.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 42.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims				\$ 280.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 0.00
BASIC FEE				\$ 740.00	\$ 370.00	\$ 370.00
TOTAL FILING FEE						\$ 538.00

3. ☒ Drawings - Total Sheets: 11 (Fig(s). 1-11)
4. Oath or Declaration - Total Pages: 2
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 - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in prior application.

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6. ☐ CD-ROM Computer Program (Appendix)
7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
- a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy
- b. ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
- c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies
8. ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Form
9. ☐ 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney
10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
11. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement with PTO-1449 and References
- ☐ Copies of Information Disclosure Statement Citations
12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
13. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
14. ☐ Small Entity Statement(s) ☐ Independent Inventor
- ☐ Small Business Concern
- ☐ Non-Profit Organization
- ☐ Statement Filed in Prior Application; Status Still Proper and Desired
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- _____
- _____
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16. ☒ Other: Application Data Sheet
17. ☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-Part of
Prior Application No.: _____ filed _____
- ☒ Complete Application Based on Provisional Application No.: 60/248,837

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[BOX PATENT APPLICATION]

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Utility Filing Fee	\$ 370
Design Filing Fee	\$
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